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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for setting me free. Help me to tell others how much you have done for me. Amen. (Luke 8:26-39)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord, please stay close to me. You are my strength, come quickly to help me. Amen. (Psalm 22:19)

A Blessing to Share:

Baptized child of God, Jesus has set you free. May he keep you close to him and at one with others. Amen. (Gal. 3:26-28)

Mealtime Refrain:

Through faith in Jesus we are children of God:
We are one people in Christ. (Galatians 3:26-28)

Mealtime Prayer:

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FOUR KEYS FOR THE HOME

Faith Talk:

- What is your favorite item of clothing? Why?
- St. Paul says that when we were baptized we were “clothed with Christ”. What do you think this means?
- How do you “wear” Christ in daily life?

Devotional Practices:

Jesus told the man who had been rid of many demons to “return home and tell how much God has done for you” (Luke 8:39). In your home devotion times this week, build a list of the many different ways that you see God at work providing for you. Use this as the basis for your prayers of thanks throughout the week.

Service:

Spend some time preparing cards or simple gifts for your household to give to those who will be baptized in your congregation this coming year.

Rituals and Traditions:

June 20th is FATHERS DAY in the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom. If there is a father and/or grandfather in your home, celebrate Father’s Day by praying for and blessing them. Take time to share the things you appreciate about them or memories of their contributions to your life as household. Then say this prayer together:

Father in Heaven: Thank you for the father in our home. Thank you for all the ways he loves and cares for us in your name. Please bless him with strength, health and wisdom to be the best father he can be. Help us to honor and respect him. Amen.

To conclude have each household member place their hand on the father’s shoulder or head and give them this “finish the sentence” blessing: “May God bless you with ...”

Parent Toolbox: God’s Guidance for Fathers

The Bible indicates various behaviors, qualities and attitudes that are part of God’s design for father-child relationships.

- A father is to love and forgive his children over and over again (Lk. 15:20).
- A father is to comfort and encourage his children (1 Th. 2:12).
- A father is to urge his children to “live lives worthy of the Lord” (1 Th. 2:12).
- A father is to provide for his children with their futures in mind (2 Cor. 12:14).
- A father is to “impress” his children with his own life of faith (Deut 4:9; 6:6-9).
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